

7. An external storage device according to claim 1,  
wherein the non-volatile semiconductor memory includes an  
area which stores data of the host computer and an area which stores  
information on the external storage device,

wherein the area of the non-volatile semiconductor memory  
which stores the data of the host computer is made of a protected  
data area and a non-protected data area,

wherein the area of the non-volatile semiconductor memory  
which stores the information on the external storage device stores  
location information on the protected data area,

wherein the external storage device dynamically changes  
the protected data area of the non-volatile semiconductor memory on  
the basis of an instruction of the host computer by a part which  
rewrites the location information on the protected data area of the  
non-volatile semiconductor memory, and

wherein, when the host computer is to access the  
protected data area, the external storage device performs  
authentication through an authentication procedure for accessing to  
the protected data area.

8. An external storage device according to claim 1, further  
comprising a part, which is provided in the connecting part and  
recognizes the kind of host computer during activation, performing  
access control on the plural areas of the non-volatile semiconductor  
memory according to the kind of host computer.--